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SUBJECT: US/IRANIAN COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION

1. SOBER AND SCIATT CHAPMAN MET WITH DR. PARSA AND DR. BAZERGAN OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION OCT 1 TO DISCUSS PROGRESS UNDER SUBJECT COMMITTEE.

2. SOBER ASSURED THEM OF US DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES IN FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION. MADE PARTICULAR POINT THAT US NOT SEEKING IRANIAN FUNDS FOR JOINT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BUT ONLY REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED BY US. URGED IRANIAN SIDE TO STUDY NSF PROPOSALS ALREADY SUBMITTED AND TAILOR THEM TO NEEDS AS PERCEIVED BY IRAN. EXPENSES OF IRANIAN VISITS TO US COULD THEN BE PARED TO LEVEL ACCEPTABLE TO GOI.

3. PARSA STATED THAT QUESTION OF COSTS OF ARRANGING IRANIAN VISITS TO US HAD BEEN REFERRED TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMY & FINANCE AND GOI TENDED TO FEEL THESE SHOULD BE BORNE BY US GOVERNMENT, WHILE COSTS OF AMERICAN EXPERTS COMING TO IRAN SHOULD BE COVERED BY GOI, TO WHICH SOBER RESPONDED THAT ISSUE WAS BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. PARSA FEELS THAT COSTS ESTIMATED BY NSF CAN BE REDUCED AND GAVE AS EXAMPLE HIRING OF

US EXPERTS TO GUIDE IRANIAN TEAMS IN US, WHICH HE FEELS IS UNNECESSARY SINCE MOST IRANIAN SCIENTISTS SELECTED WILL ALREADY BE FAMILIAR WITH US.

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4. PARSA MENTIONED THAT NATIONAL COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED TO CONSIDER IRANIAN REQUIREMENTS IN EACH OF THE PRIORITY AREAS: OCEANOGRAPHY, RADIO, ASTRONOMY, REMOTE SENSING, SEISMIC AND GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY. SOME TIME STILL NEEDED TO FORM TEAMS FOR US VISITS PROPOSED BY NSF BUT HE IS WORKING ON IT. PARSA WELCOMES VISIT OF NSF REPRESENTATIVE HAIRSTONE TO DISCUSS FURTHER COOPERATION ON JOINT PROJECTS.
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